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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Re: 3809 U-69380, UT-023

Greetings,

Thank you for your 12.2.02 letter in reply to my August 21, 2002 and November 15, 2002 letters.

1. July 17, 2002 file visit and Box Elder County Health Department regulations. Shortly after our meetings, I phoned the Box Elder County Health Department and spoke with an inspector. He told me if there were any regulations pertaining to vault toilets, outhouses, and bunkhouses in the Park Valley area, he would send them to me. I never heard from him, and unfortunately I did not document the situation and pass it on to you. Sorry. I will phone them again today to re-confirm that issue.

The bunkhouse and outhouses that you refer to were built in 1991 and we obtained building permits, and were cleared with a final inspection after completion. In the above paragraph, you indicated that in relation to our current surface disturbance within the claim area, we were proposing to EXPAND crushing and stockpiling operations southward into mill site No. 4. I have communicated all along that we merely wanted to MOVE the crushing operation and then promptly restore the present site once the move was completed. After the move, restoration could be accomplished in one day.

2. Second paragraph re: my November 15, 2002 letter. This was not a request for an update as to when our plan amendment would be completed. It was simply a letter of my dismay and disappointment with no response to my August 21, 2002 letter in reply to your August 8, 2002 letter. After waiting three months and after several promises to John Kirkham that a reply would be forthcoming, I wrote the November 15th letter in disgust. How would you feel if you had put your heart, soul, energy, and most of your money into a project and then have to battle an inefficient bureaucracy year after year to get the most simple things done? After all of this I can justify feeling disgusted, but will never feel defeated. Brad, I am not blaming you personally. Overall you have been one of the best and nicest people I have dealt with in the B.L.M.. To get this issue on track, I would hope that we can define any remaining issues and simply get the job done so we will not lose another production year.

3. Please re review my August 21, 2002 letter. There are questions there that are still unanswered.

4. Regarding the lock-gate issue, I don't know how that happened, and we will do our best to prevent future problems. With no effort your people could have closed the gate and blocked it with some near by stone.

5. I can understand a two week delay on projects because of an office remodel, but I can not understand a three month delay with answers when the B.L.M. mandates that all replies are to be made in thirty days or less. If you have questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,


Gary Mullard
President

P.S. I keep getting these letters about 3809 regulations and extensions for mining plan completion. As you know, our Turquoise Stone Mining Plan was completed and approved many years ago. The amendment issue should not change that fact.

cc: John Kirkham, Stoel Rives LLP / D. Wayne Hedberg, Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining



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